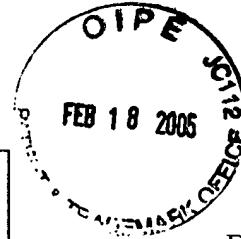


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated October 22, 2004, (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 101504), for which a response is due on January 22, 2005. A petition for a one-month extension of time is submitted with this response extending the time to reply to February 22, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

The conclusion begins on page 12 of this paper.